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1. In the port of Novorossiysk there was a fleet of 35 to 40 Soviet naval vessels engaged in maneuvers for the defense of Novorossiysk. The fleet was composed of a large cruiser, three torpedo boats, several minesweepers and minelayers, and a submarine. the fleet was composed of two separate groups of ships because some of them had red bands on their stacks while others did not. The cruiser and the torpedo boats were anchored off Doob Point. The other vessels moored at intervals in the Timber and Naval Basin in the harbor. All the vessels had radar antenna painted white and mounted on the masts. 25X1
2. gunfire both day and night, and he observed two target sleds which were towed out of the harbor by a fast tug for firing practice both day and night. One of the target sleds was approximately 60 to 70 meters long, and it had 13 masts or target supports. At the top of three of the masts there were wire screen antennas; on each there were two rectangular shaped antennas mounted one above the other. The other target sled was approximately 30 to 35 meters long and had four masts. On top of three of the masts there were rectangular shaped, wire screen antennas mounted parallel to the long axis of the sled. The twelfth mast from the bow of the large sled was broken during one of the firing practices. illuminating shells or searchlights in use during night firing practice. There was no indication of any antiaircraft firing practice; aircraft did not participate in the exercise. 25X1
3. There were four dual-purpose guns of approximately 7.5 cm caliber among the stones at the western section of the wharf. During the exercise, these guns fired once toward the sea; no target was noticed. A wire net fastened to twenty buoys was ready, if necessary, to close the entrance to the harbor as a protection against submarines. 25X1
4. Of the piers shown on British Admiralty Chart No. 162, there remain pier No. 5, used by naval vessels; pier No. 4, used for loading petroleum; Pier No. 3, for grain shipment; the small pier No. 2, for passenger ships; and the import pier, and cement pier in the eastern part of the harbor. All the other piers shown were in ruins. 25X1

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